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Crawford and Sebastian County residents may apply for emergency food stamps through this weekend

Applications for emergency food stamps will be taken by staff of the DHS Crawford and Sebastian County offices on Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4, 2008. The two counties were recently added to a list of counties in the state where residents may be eligible for this assistance. The deadline to apply is Sunday, May 4, 2008.

In Sebastian County, applications will be taken from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday at the county's Disaster Recovery Center located at the Fort Smith Events Center, 12 N. 11th Street. On Sunday, applications will be taken from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the DHS Sebastian County Office located at 616 Garrison Ave. in Fort Smith.

In Crawford County, applications will be taken from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. on Sunday at the DHS County Office, at 704 Cloverleaf Circle in Van Buren.

Applicants for the assistance must have identification and verification of residence at time of the storms and flooding. Residents in the designated counties may be eligible for the emergency food stamp program if the household experienced at least one of the following conditions as a direct result of the recent storms and flooding:

- Loss of food
- Damage to or destruction of the home or self-employment business.
- Loss or inaccessibility of income including a reduction or termination of income or a significant delay in receiving income due to disaster-related problems.
- Disaster-related expenses (home or business repairs, temporary shelter, evacuation, etc) that are not expected to be reimbursed during the disaster benefit period.

Please note that residents of these two counties must apply for this assistance by the Sunday, May 4, 2008 deadline.

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